

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HARVEY OTTOVICH, MARK OTTOVICH,

Plaintiffs,

No. C 10-02842 WHA

v.

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, CHASE  
BANK DBA WASHINGTON MUTUAL,  
DOES ONE THROUGH 50, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

**REMINDER NOTICE OF  
UPCOMING TRIAL AND  
FINAL PRETRIAL  
CONFERENCE**

This notice serves as a friendly reminder that this case remains set for a **FINAL  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE on JULY 2, 2012, at 2:00 P.M., with a JURY TRIAL on JULY 9, 2012.**

Please consult the existing case management order and review and follow all standing  
guidelines and orders of the undersigned for civil cases on the Court's website at  
<http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>. Continuances will rarely be granted.

The final pretrial conference will be an important event, for it will be there that the  
shape of the upcoming trial will be determined, including *in limine* orders, time limits and  
exhibit mechanics. Lead trial counsel must attend.

To avoid any misunderstanding with respect to the final pretrial conference and trial, the  
Court wishes to emphasize that all filings and appearances must be made — on pain of  
dismissal, default or other sanction — unless and until a dismissal fully resolving the case is  
received. It will not be enough to inform the clerk that a settlement in principle has been

1 reached or to lodge a partially executed settlement agreement or to lodge a fully executed  
2 agreement (or dismissal) that resolves less than the entire case. Where, however, a  
3 fully-executed and unconditional settlement agreement clearly and fully disposing of the entire  
4 case is lodged reasonably in advance of the pretrial conference or trial and only a ministerial act  
5 remains, the Court will arrange a status conference to work out an alternate procedure pending a  
6 formal dismissal.

7 Please state whether the Court can be of further ADR assistance (but avoid stating offers,  
8 counteroffers or dollar amounts).

9 In this case, the Court wishes to consider the following additional trial procedures and  
10 desires that counsel meet and confer and reach a stipulation concerning whether and how to use  
11 them:

- 12 1. Scheduling opposing experts so as to appear in successive order;
- 13 2. Giving preliminary instructions on the law;
- 14 3. Allowing limited pre-closing deliberations (as per, *e.g.*, Rule 39 of  
15 the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure); and
- 16 4. Allowing each side fifteen minutes of opening/argument time to be  
17 used during the evidence time (in addition to normal opening statement and  
18 closing argument).

19 Please present the results of your stipulation (or not) in the joint pretrial conference  
20 submissions.

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23 Dated: March 14, 2012.

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE